

## Message Text

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EO 11652 NA  
TAGS: BENC VE  
SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: ORINOCO RIVER BRIDGE

REF: CARACAS 5672

VICE MINISTER TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS CONFIRMED  
THIS PROJECT NOW BEING RE-EVALUATED. APPARENTLY  
CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS WILL ENTAIL EXTREMELY  
HEAVY AND COSTLY BRIDGE PLUS MASSIVE EARTH MOVING TO  
CONNECT RAILWAY GRADE TO BRIDGE LEVEL. ACCORDING TO  
VICE MINISTER, SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN  
TO BORE A TUNNEL UNDER THE RIVER INSTEAD. HOWEVER,  
HE BELIEVES THAT THE MOST LIKELY SOLUTION WILL BE TO  
CONSTRUCT PORT ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE RIVER AND  
BARGE THE RAILROAD CARS ACROSS.

CANADIAN COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR STATES THAT  
CANADIAN CONSORTIUM HAS OFFERED TO SO CONSTRUCT RIVER  
PORT WHICH WILL BE USED TO BRING IN CONSTRUCTION  
EQUIPMENT ON RAILROAD SO AS TO LEAVE BEHIND A BARGE  
PORT FOR CONTINUING USE BY THE RAILROAD  
INSTITUTE.

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